

ORDINANCE NO. 13
LAKE ORDINANCE FOR TURTLE LAKE

A Uniform Ordinance To Regulate Water Traffic, Boating and Water Sport Upon the Waters of Turtle Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, and Prescribing Penalties for Violations Thereof.

The Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

SECTION I
REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances regulating water traffic, boats or water sports upon the waters covered by this ordinance and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin are hereby repealed.

SECTION II
APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Turtle Lake lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced under the jurisdiction of the Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

SECTION III
STATE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED

The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, exclusive of any provision therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth therein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any statute incorporated by reference herein is required or prohibited by this ordinance.

- 30.50 — Definitions
- 30.301 — Capacity Plate on Boat
- 30.51 — Operation of Unnumbered Boats Prohibited
- 30.52 — Certificate of Number
- 30.53 — Certificate Number to be Displayed on Boat; Certificate to be Carried
- 30.54 — (2) Transfer of Ownership of Numbered Boat
- 30.55 — Notice of Abandonment or Destruction of Boat or Change of Address
- 30.60 — Classification of Motor Boats
- 30.61 — Lighting Equipment
- 30.62 — Other Equipment
- 30.63 — Patrol Boats Exempt from Certain Traffic Regulations
- 30.65 — Traffic Rules
- 30.66 — Speed Restrictions
- 30.67 — Accidents and Accident Reports
- 30.675 — Distress Signal Flags
- 30.68 — Prohibited Operations
- 30.69 — Water Skiing
- 30.70 — Skin Diving
- 30.71 — Boats Equipped with Toilets

SECTION IV
TRAFFIC LANE DEFINED

A traffic lane is hereby established embracing the surfaces of Turtle Lake within the corporate limits of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin in its entirety, excepting therefrom that portion of the waters lying between the shoreline and a line parallel to and one hundred seventy five (175) feet from the shoreline and such greater distance as shall be necessary to clear projecting piers, wharfs and any other similar structures a distance of fifty (50) feet from the projecting extremities thereof.

SECTION V
ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC RULES

In addition to traffic rules in Section 30.65 of the Wisconsin Statutes adopted in Section 3 of this ordinance, the following rules shall apply to boats using the waters covered by this ordinance:

- (a) Mooring Lights Required. No person shall moor or anchor any boat, raft, buoy or other floating object, or permit the same to drift in the traffic lanes described in Section IV of this ordinance between sunset and sunrise unless there is prominently displayed thereon a white light of sufficient size and brightness to be visible from any direction (360) degrees for a distance of one (1) mile on a dark night with clear atmosphere.
- (b) Age and Horsepower Restrictions. No person or persons under the age of twelve (12) years shall operate a boat propelled by a motor of over fifteen (15) horsepower unless accompanied by an adult of eighteen (18) years of age or over.
- (c) The drivers or operators of all boats by means of which aquaplanes, water skis or similar objects are being towed, and the riders of such aquaplanes or water skis or similar objects, must conform to the same rules and clearances as provided for in this ordinance.

SECTION VI
SPEED RESTRICTIONS

- (a) The maximum speed between the shore and the one hundred seventy five (175) feet from shore shall be slow enough to create "NO WAKE".

SECTION VII
SWIMMING REGULATIONS

- (a) Swimming from boats prohibited. No person shall swim from any boat unless such boat is anchored.
- (b) Distance from shore to base. No person shall swim more than one hundred seventy five (175) feet from the shore or more than fifty (50) feet from any pier, anchored raft or boat unless he is accompanied by a boat manned by a

competent person trained in lifesaving techniques and having a ring buoy. Such boat shall stay reasonably close to and guard such swimmer. If there is more than one swimmer, each shall be accompanied by a separate boat as above described.

- (c) Hours Limited. No person shall swim in the traffic lane from sunset to sunrise.

SECTION VIII WATER SKIING

- (a) Persons in boat. No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device or permit himself to be towed for such purpose unless there are two (2) persons over fourteen (14) years of age in such boat or unless boat is equipped with a wide-angle rear view mirror of not less than 160 degrees so constructed and fixed to enable the operator to view the person being towed at all times.
- (b) No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a water skier or engage in water skiing or other similar sport from 6 o'clock P.M. to 10 o'clock A.M., except on weekends and holidays when the hours shall be from 2 o'clock P.M. to 10 o'clock A.M.
- (c) Distance from Landings and Beaches. No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a water skier within fifty (50) feet from the outside limits of any marked swimming area, any other watercraft, any swimmer or diving flag.
- (d) There shall be no more than two (2) persons using said tow lines as a means of water skiing or similar sport; the persons being towed must be equipped with an approved life jacket, life belt or similar life saving device.
- (e) Any boat engaged in towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device must conform to all sections of this ordinance. There shall be no water skiing, aquaplaning or similar sport, outside the traffic lane.

SECTION IX LITTERING WATERS PROHIBITED

No person shall deposit, place or throw from any boat, raft, pier, platform or similar structure or from the shore cans, bottles, debris, refuse, solid or liquid waste, paper on or into the water of the lake.

SECTION X MARKERS, NAVIGATION, MOORING BUOYS AND POSTING ORDINANCE

The duty of the duly appointed law officers are authorized and directed to place and maintain authorized markers, navigation aids and signs as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this ordinance and to post and maintain a copy of this ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

- (a) Standard Markers. All markers or buoys placed by any person upon the waters of the lake shall comply with the regulations of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission.
- (b) Mooring Buoys. Mooring buoys placed by any person upon the waters of the lake shall make application for such buoys with the Town Clerk, with the boat license number to correspond with the number on the buoy, with location of the buoy and shall be approved by the Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin. Permit shall be for a three (3) year period at a fee of \$3.00.

SECTION XI PENALTIES AND DEPOSITS

- (a) Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance for which a penalty is not provided by Sub. (b) shall be fined not more than \$50.00 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both, for the first offense; and fined not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both, upon conviction of the same offense a second or subsequent time within one year.
- (b) Any person violating Sec. III, 30.67 or 30.68 shall be fined not more than \$200.00 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

SECTION XII WISCONSIN STATUTES DEFINED

Whenever used in this ordinance, the term "Wisconsin Statutes" shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes of 1969.

SECTION XIII SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective as to whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XIV EFFECTIVE DATE AND CLERKS DUTY

- (a) This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and posting as provided by law.
- (b) The Clerk is directed to file a copy of this ordinance with the Wisconsin Conservation Commission in Madison, Wisconsin.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 1972.

Wilfred Brotz
Town Chairman

ATTEST:
Jessie Butt
Town Clerk

William Johnson
Wilbert Shadel
Supervisors

Amendment To Ordinance No. 13

ORDINANCE NO. 15
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 13
LAKE ORDINANCE FOR TURTLE LAKE,
REGULATING THE SPEED OF WATER TRAFFIC

The Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. Section VI Speed Restriction of said Ordinance shall add as follows:
 - (b) All persons operating power driven boats upon the water of Turtle Lake located in the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin, shall operate said power driven boats at speed not greater than SLOW NO WAKE between 6:00 P.M. through 10:00 A.M. except on weekends and holidays when the hours shall be from 2:00 P.M. through 10:00 A.M.

This amendment to this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and posting in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin, this 13th day of February, 1973.

Wilfred Brotz
Chairman

William Johnson
Wilbert Shadel
Supervisors

Jessie Butt
Clerk

Posted: February 24, 1973